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Applicant : Dana Craig Bookbinder, et al  
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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 14, 2008, please amend the above-identified as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.